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After reviewing the <u>EPA's guidebook</u> for setting up and maintaining an <u>air monitoring</u> <u>network</u>, can your organization easily follow these guidelines? Other (please specify)

We know we have a problem. Rather than spend money monitoring, let's put that money to use by cleaning up the air!

What barriers do you see in undertaking this project? Overall technical expertise

Grant application process

Data collection and documentation

Site logistics

Other (please specify)

In addition to covering the cost of the sensors and their maintenance, how would you use the grant funding?

Other (please specify)

after viewing the videos, it looks like everything is up to the volunteers. I don't think this idea will work.

How should the MPCA consider an applicant's approach to community outreach and engagement during the grant application process?

I think the project should be totally changed. There is a lot of money available. We know our drinking water is not safe. I think focusing on cleaning the water should be the first project. Lots of research has already been done. I live in Oakdale and they have been researching for about 5 years. It is time to just fix the problem.

What other information should the MPCA consider during the community air monitoring grant process?

I think people from each community should be given money to have their water tested in their homes and then test our wells and the water in the community. Have someone in each community do the organizing. I am sure there would be volunteers to help. I used to be a volunteer coordinator and you need someone to be in charge of working with the volunteers. Sending out complicated guides and not providing any way for the volunteers to do the work and no one to coordinate the project doesn't seem like a good plan to me. Please use this money wisely. We need clean water and right now we don't have that.